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METHOD FOR RAISING THE TOWER

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CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this correspondence. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement were reported in an International Search Report (copy enclosed) for PCT/US 03/28431 which claims priority of the present US application 10/644,419.

The International Search Report cited:

US 3,009,546 Anderson

DE 2,806,081 Voith

NL 9,301,539 Seaway

DE 1,993,713 Schweizer

German-to-English translations for DE 2,806,081 and DE 1,993,713 are not available to applicant. A Dutch-to-English translation NL 9,301,539 is not available to applicant.

The difference between applicant's invention and what is disclosed in US 3,009,546 Anderson, DE 2,806,081 Voith and DE 1,993,713 Schweizer

references is that all of these references disclose folded tower structures that are raised by pulling on cables. Applicant's tower structures are raised by a crane.

The difference between applicant's invention and what is disclosed in NL 9,301,539 Seaway is that the reference does not employ a folded tower as in applicant's invention wherein the tower is divided into a number of sections including an upper section and a lower section. In Seaway a single mast (2) hinged to a support mast (1) is raised to a vertical position by a crane (5).

Consideration of the references cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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